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Response in Application

In response to the Examiner's office action dated December 5, 2001, Applicants present the following arguments to the Examiner's rejection. The claims in the application, claims 1-21 remain pending in this application and are not amended in this response. They have not been amended in this application. The specification is amended to reflect government rights in the invention as a consequence of providing support for research into the present invention.

The first paragraph on page 1 appears as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORT

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/069,567, filed on December 12, 1997, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The invention of the present application was made using support under USDA Grant number 3299. Consequently, the government retains certain rights in the invention.

Remarks

Claims 1-21 remain pending in the present application. In this response, no amendment

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